

RESOLUTION NO. 12-750

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the First Annual Scholarship Gala presented by the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., and sponsored by Tec-Masters, Inc., on September 27, 2012, to be held in the Boone-Lacy Fellowship Hall of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, O. Wendell Davis, Pastor. The theme for the occasion is "Educational Excellence: Sowing Seeds for Success through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)." The Gala is to support the Academy's scholarship program and other initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Katherine Lacy, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, received her elementary and secondary education in the Madison County School System. She enjoyed high school and participated in several school activities. While in high school, her teachers stressed excellence, and she was empowered to do her best, to strive for excellence and to have self-esteem. After graduating from high school, she enrolled in Alabama A&M University and took advantage of all the University had to offer for "day students." As a day student, she was involved in various extra-curricular activities that were designed to make her well-rounded; and,

WHEREAS, in 1950, she earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and pursued further study at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. During her professional career, she served as an elementary education classroom teacher in Mississippi with the Mississippi Public School System and in Alabama with the Madison County School System. While employed with the Madison County School System, she worked at the following schools: Mt. Carmel, Brownsboro Junior High School and Hazel Green Elementary School; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lacy loved teaching the second grade. Her students were special to her and they had a special relationship. She instilled in her students at an early age the value of setting career goals. Many of her students would often say to her: "When I grow up, I am going to be a teacher like you." Today, many of her former students are teachers and are enjoying the profession; and,

WHEREAS, at an early age, she was instilled with good values and a strong work ethic. She learned to perform at her best, regardless of the size of the tasks. Moreover, she was taught by her parents and grandparents that if a job is worth doing, it is worth doing well. Those words have been a driving force throughout her teaching career. She always gave more than 100% to any task she undertook; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the teaching profession, she has received numerous awards and honors. Some of them include the Instructor Magazine Bulletin Board Award and science trophies. After thirty-four (34) years of dedicated service in the teaching profession, she retired in 1985. Today, she enjoys canning and quilting. During Black History Month, she displays many of her

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quilts at the annual quilt display at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, Katherine Lacy is a faithful member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves on the Mother Board Ministry. She and her husband, Wyatt, are the proud parents of two children, Willard Chunn and Linda Bolden, and the doting grandparents of three grandchildren and one great grandson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and support the mission of Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., to promote and strengthen projects for the furtherance of religious, cultural, economic and community development. We congratulate Katherine Lacy as a 2012 Gala Awardee for Lifetime Achievement, and extend best wishes to her and the Union Chapel Christian Academy Foundation, Inc., for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 13th day of September, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama